



24 March 2020

VINPRO STATEMENT: FEEDBACK ON DISCUSSIONS WITH GOVERNMENT

As per our [previous statement on 24 March 2020](#), the wine industry, along with our partners in agriculture, had extensive discussions with Government in the course of today with regard to the practical implications of the nation-wide lockdown for the wine industry value-chain.

The discussions focused on three aspects, namely production, distribution and sale of alcoholic products.

We believe that the industry's voice was heard and we have received positive feedback from Government in this regard. However, we are not able to implement any decisions made before receiving the necessary official Government documentation that will govern the industry's activities from midnight on 26 March 2020 until midnight on 16 April 2020.

In the meantime, please familiarise yourself with the following documents:

- Joint statement from Vinpro, Salba and the Beer Association of South Africa: Feedback on alcohol industry discussions regarding COVID-19 - [read here](#)
- Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition, Mr Ebrahim Patel: Government's intervention measures on Coronavirus - [read here](#)
- Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development, Ms. Thoko Didiza: A Message to the Agriculture and Food Sector of South Africa - [read here](#)

We would like to reiterate that we endorse President Ramaphosa's decisions to ensure the safety of our nation and would like to call on every one of our industry members and partners to adhere to the regulations set out by Government.

We also ask that any concessions by Government be met with the necessary **respect, ownership and responsibility** on the industry's part.

We would like to thank every one of you for your patience during this time of uncertainty, and request that you remain calm and responsible in all actions and messaging over the next few days.

We will communicate any further, and specifically official, regulations in this regard during the course of tomorrow. Also be sure to follow the latest news and developments at: <https://www.wineland.co.za/covid-19-info/>

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